

## Front Page NEWS



### City Offices Close September 1 for Labor Day

City government offices and facilities will be closed September 1 for Labor Day. General District Court also will be closed (703-385-7866).

The CUE Bus will run on a Saturday schedule (703-385-7859).

Trash and recyclables will not be collected September 1. Monday and Tuesday regular collection will be provided Tuesday, September 2 (703-385-7837).

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open (703-385-8414).

### Support Blenheim at Taste of the Vine September 26

Support Historic Blenheim and enjoy an evening of fine food and wine at Taste of the Vine, a fundraiser to be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. September 26 in the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

Tickets cost \$50 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, music, silent auction and more.

The event is sponsored by Historic Fairfax City, Inc. and net proceeds benefit the restoration of Historic Blenheim. Information: [www.historicfairfax.org](http://www.historicfairfax.org), 703-591-5305.

If you're new to the city, welcome!  
Call 703-385-7800  
for new resident information.

## Fall for the Book to be Held September 11-18

What began as a two-day street festival in the City of Fairfax with George Mason University has evolved into one of Virginia's premiere book festivals featuring award-winning, best-selling authors. This year's event includes Jodi Picoult, Richard Russo, Martín Espada, and dozens more. Events are scheduled in the city, at Mason and throughout the region.

Download the new free Fall for the Book app for iOS and Android devices. Information: [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org), 703-993-3986. (photos: Michael Cashell and Kim Ruff)



## Check Residential Energy Efficiency With LEAP

City residents may get their homes in energy-conserving shape with a check-up from the non-profit Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP).

The one-hour Home Energy Check-Up provides an evaluation of a home's energy efficiency by a professional LEAP energy coach. Where needed, the energy coach will install free energy-efficient light bulbs, smart power strips, and more. The energy check-up launches immediate energy saving measures and provides a road map towards an ENERGY STAR-certified home.

The service costs \$45 — but provides more than \$250 in goods, savings and pro-

fessional advice. Savings are realized with the support of the Dominion Power Residential Home Energy Check-Up program.

Schedule an appointment on the LEAP-VA website (<http://leap-va.org/checkup>, location NOVA—FFX—City of Fairfax) or call 800-646-0717. Homeowners must provide some information for the appointment, including the latest electric and gas bills.

LEAP operates the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program in Fairfax and other northern Virginia communities and works in association with the Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation. Information: [info@leap-va.org](mailto:info@leap-va.org), 800-646-0717.

# City **NEWS** AND Notes

## Library Friends Fall Book Sales to be Held September 13, 19-21

Looking for a gently-used book? Look no further than the City of Fairfax Regional Library, which is hosting two book sales in September.

The fall children's book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the City of Fairfax Regional Library, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. September 13 at the library, 10360 North Street.

Books for readers of all ages will be sold at the library during September 19-21 book sale, sponsored by Friends of the Virginia Room and Friends of the City of Fairfax Regional Library.

Information: 703-293-6227.

## Kid's Safety Saturday Set for September 20

The City of Fairfax Police Department will offer "Kid's Safety Saturday" from 8 a.m. to noon September 20 on Civic Green (plaza outside the police station and Sherwood Center), 3730 Old Lee Highway.

Events will include a bike rodeo for children and skateboard safety event, as well as a child safety seat installation and inspection by the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office.

The police department, with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax, will offer a SafeAssured ID System event (by appointment: 703-273-2889). The SafeAssured ID System provides parents with a full-color photo ID card and a mini-CD containing digital fingerprints, photo and video of the child, and vital personal information accessible only by law enforcement.

Information: 703-273-2889.

## EDA Supports Merchants and Mason Money

Thanks to the city's Economic Development Authority (EDA), 15 additional city businesses now accept Mason Money, a pre-paid debit program for George Mason



University students and faculty.

This pilot program, which offsets a business' costs for Mason Money card readers for one year, is part of the city's ongoing commitment to strengthen ties with Mason.

The EDA has a limited number of spaces for city businesses to participate. Information: 703-385-7851.

## Farmers' Markets Continue



Two farmers' markets are held through November 1 at the corner of West and Main streets in the city. Information: 703-430-6164.

The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Farmers' Market is held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

The Sunday Farmers' Market is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

## Photo ID Required for Voting in Virginia: Are You ID Ready?

Virginia voters must present one of the following forms of photo identification when voting:

- valid Virginia driver's license
- DMV-issued photo ID card
- valid U.S. passport
- valid employee photo ID card
- other federal, Virginia or Virginia subdivision government-issued valid photo ID card
- valid college or university student photo ID card for an institution of higher education in Virginia

Voters who do not have an acceptable form of photo ID may obtain a free ID through their local voter registration office. Information: 703-385-7890.

## There's an App for That

City residents can benefit from apps available that enhance or supplement city services: Active, NextBus, NOVA DRT and

City of Fairfax Schools. All are available for iOS and Android systems.

*ACTIVE* allows for quick searches for area activities. Check event calendars, confirm class times, keep in touch with like-minded athletes on message boards — and let your friends and family know what you're doing by posting activities on social media websites.

*iNextBus* offers real-time arrival information for CUE Bus, Metro Buses and more. See the related article on page 3.

*NOVA DRT*, or Northern Virginia Damage Report Tool, allows user to report damage after an emergency event, such as a natural disaster. The information helps emergency response agencies and local jurisdictions identify resources needed to assist residents.

*City of Fairfax Schools* provides information regarding city schools: staff directors, school calendars, social media resources, news, activities and more.

## Subscribe to Fairfax City Alert; eMAS Service Ends October 1

Find out first! Find out fast! Find out about city government activities and services via electronic messages from Fairfax City Alert. Enroll online at [www.fairfaxva.gov/FairfaxCityAlert](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/FairfaxCityAlert).



Fairfax City Alert provides multiple options for receiving messages: text, e-mail, phone, mobile app.

Subscribers may select any of the dozens of categories offered by the city, covering city services and emergencies. Personal subscriber information is secure and will not be shared.

*Current eMAS subscribers must subscribe to Fairfax City Alert to continue receiving messages.* eMAS subscriptions are not transferred — and eMAS service will end October 1. Fairfax City Alert subscribers will continue to receive uninterrupted service.

Information: [CityAlert@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:CityAlert@fairfaxva.gov).



# Rely on NextBus for Real-Time Bus Arrival Information

Don't spend your time standing at a bus stop: use NextBus for real-time CUE Bus arrival information for CUE Buses (as well as Metro and other local transit services).

NextBus gives precise arrival time for each CUE Bus stop. Choose the bus line (Green or Gold) and the stop — or let your device geolocator do that for you. All CUE Buses are equipped with GPS trackers.

Use NextBus your way:

- Web browser: [www.nextbus.com](http://www.nextbus.com) (comput-



- er and smartphone or handheld device)
- smartphone app (free): iOS and Android systems

Passengers also may call the CUE Bus Office at 703-385-7992 for information and assistance during bus service hours.

Bus passengers still should arrive at their stops a few minutes before the bus arrives.

Pick up a free CUE Bus e-schedule at [www.commuterpage.com/handheld](http://www.commuterpage.com/handheld).

Information: 703-385-7992.

## Voters Encouraged to Prepare For, Participate In November 4 General Election

Registered voters in the City of Fairfax may cast ballots in the November 4 General and Special Elections for U.S. House of Representatives 11th District (one position), U.S. Senate (one position), a statewide constitutional amendment, and a local advisory referendum.

Sample ballots are available online and from the General Registrar's Office.

The deadline to register to vote in the November 4 election is October 14, 2014. Qualified city residents may register at the General Registrar's Office during normal business hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays).

Absentee voting will be available on or around September 22 and will be accepted through November 1 in the General Registrar's Office, located in the Sisson House next to City Hall. In-person absentee voting also will be available on Saturday, October 25 and November 1 in the General Registrar's Office.

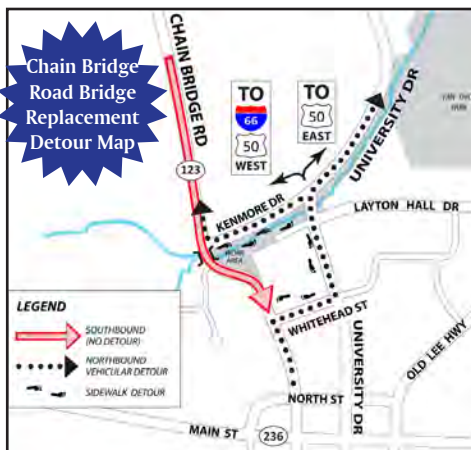
Voters should remember to bring photo identification to the polls; see page 4 for information. Those who do not have photo identification with them at the polls will be required to provide a copy of an acceptable ID to the Electoral Board no later than noon on November 7. Information: 703-385-7890.

## Route 123 Bridge to Reopen and Detour to End by Late September

The replacement of the bridge across Acotink Creek on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road is expected to be completed, and related detour is expected to end, by late September. However, minor wrap-up and construction of the pedestrian bridge may continue into October.

The new bridge will feature an expanded pedestrian walkway on the west side and a separate pedestrian bridge on the east side. Information: 703-385-7810.

Sign up for Fairfax City Alert for information about road closures and city-related news: [www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert).



### City Replaces Worn, Broken Recycling Bins

Replace a broken, unusable city-issued recycling bin with a new one, courtesy of the Operations Division: just e-mail [WeCare@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:WeCare@fairfaxva.gov) or call 703-385-7837 to request a new bin.

Old, broken bins should be marked for removal, and city recycling crews will recycle them as well.

### Prepare for Inclement Weather: Find Resources Now

Now is the time to think about the types of services you may need when winter arrives — and who can provide them for you if needed.

Before the weather turns cold, locate service providers for the types of service you may need in the winter, including snow shoveling, heater repair, downed limb removal, building repair and more. Ask neighbors and civic association leaders for recommendations, if needed.

Remember, your neighbors depend on you to keep walkways passable during inclement weather.

Also, now is the time to make sure there are ample shovels, ice melt, insulation and other tools in case inclement weather requires their use.

### Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The Public Works Department has two flyers available on the city website to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City, and*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever.*

Information: 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

## Partial Real Estate Tax Exemptions Available; Ends December 31

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption before any construction begins (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted). The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished. *Applications are being accepted through December 31, 2014.* Information: 703-385-7840.

## Police Accept OTC Drugs, Prescription Medicine September 27

Participate in Drug Take-Back Day by bringing unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs to the City of Fairfax Police Station.

Pills, ointments and liquids in sealed containers will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. September 27 in the police station lobby, 3730 Old Lee Highway. Drop-off is anonymous; no identification or prescription information is required.

Information: 703-273-2889.

Since the twice-yearly take-back program launched in October 2011, the city has collected 1,254 pounds of expired or unused medication.

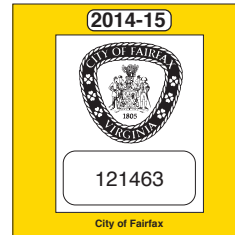
# Personal Property Tax, Decal Payments Due October 6

Personal property tax bills and vehicle decal bills are combined on one form, which will be mailed by early September.

Payments for personal property taxes and vehicle decals are due by October 6. Payments received or postmarked after October 6 will incur a 10 percent penalty plus interest. To avoid long lines and delays, promptly check the bill and report changes to the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-385-7880.

If the bill requires no changes, please provide the payment promptly. Bills may be paid in person, by mail, via City Hall dropbox (check only) or online.

Citizens may pay taxes and decal fees online through the city's website using a credit card or e-check. Credit card payments are charged an additional fee by the service provider. There is no additional fee for e-checks.



The offices of the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall are open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., as well as from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 4, and 5-7 p.m. Monday, October 6.

The 2014 personal property tax rate is \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed value. The commonwealth will pay 50.85 percent of assessed value for personal use vehicles valued at less than \$20,000. The tax reduction appears on tax bills as a credit. Citizens must pay the net amount due on the tax bill.

Decals cost \$33 each for cars and trucks and \$18 each for motorcycles.

Decal enforcement begins November 16. *Decals must be displayed on vehicles garaged in the city.* Information: 703-385-7900 (tax payments), 703-385-7880 (personal property tax information).

## City Has Unique, Strong Partnership with FCPS

Welcome back to students attending the City of Fairfax's four schools: Fairfax High, Lanier Middle, Providence Elementary and Daniels Run Elementary, where school begins September 2. The city's unique partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is founded on a mutually beneficial agreement and strong partnership.

In 1962, the City of Fairfax entered into a School Services Agreement (SSA) with FCPS. The City of Fairfax owns and manages school buildings while FCPS provides

educational services and staffing. The agreement welcomes county students to attend city schools and affords both county and city school boards to work together. By welcoming county students, our schools offer a number of academic, athletic and extra-curricular programs we could not offer independently.

Keep in touch with city schools on Facebook (City of Fairfax Schools), Twitter (@PeterNoonan, school superintendent), e-mail ([SchoolBoard@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:SchoolBoard@fairfaxva.gov)) and monthly e-newsletter *CloseUp* on the school website. Information: 703-385-7910.

## Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Architectural Review (one vacancy)
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments (one vacancy)
- Commission for Women (one vacancy)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy)
- Economic Development Authority (one vacancy)

*Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.*



# CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

## The Fairfax Scene

*Raids, Romance and Writing: Fairfax in the Civil War*, as presented at the Civil War Interpretive Center May 30 - June 1, 2014

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm September 1-14

*Home energy efficiency and related programs offered through the Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation*

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm starting September 15

Archived online: "special programming."  
Available on city's YouTube channel

## Encore!

Encore musical performance, 4 pm daily.

## Road to Recovery

Series produced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services deals with many topics related to addiction, treatment and recovery

10 am, 7 pm on days when meetings/replays are not scheduled.

## City Council



Tuesday, September 2, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, September 3, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, September 5, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, September 6, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, September 7, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 3



Tuesday, September 9, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, September 10, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, September 12, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, September 13, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, September 14, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 10

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Tuesday, September 23, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, September 24, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, September 26, 10 am, 7 pm  
Saturday, September 27, 10 am, 7 pm  
Sunday, September 28, 10 am, 7 pm  
Archived online September 24  
OnDEMAND October 1

## Planning Commission

Monday, September 8, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, September 9, 10 am

Thursday, September 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 9

Monday, September 22, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, September 23, 10 am

Thursday, September 25, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 23

## School Board

September 8 meeting archived online beginning September 9 (*wideshot*).

## Proposed Agendas: City Council, Planning Commission, School Board

### City Council

Information: 703-385-7935

September 2 work session

- Interviews for boards and commissions.
- Discussions: on the proposed design of sidewalk and drainage improvements on Burke Station Road between Main Street and Stoughton Road; on the proposed design of a new sidewalk on Roberts Road between Main Street and Sager Avenue; on the proposed Oak Knolls redevelopment project located at 3979 Oak Street; on city housing mix and related topics; on name selection for the new downtown park; on financial responsibilities for the staging of the cycling Criterium for the police and fire games on Sunday, June 28, 2015; of proposed content of public information to be distributed by the city for the November 2014 advisory referendum regarding length of City Council and Mayoral terms.

September 9 regular meeting

- Consent agenda: Consideration: of an award of contract to a bank for fiscal

year 2014-15 vehicle and turf financing; of an award of contract to a vendor for the impact analysis model; of the fiscal year 2015-18 *Community Services Board State Performance Contract*; of an amendment to the resolution regarding the membership of the Human Services Committee; of a resolution naming the downtown park; of an agreement with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission regarding the City of Fairfax Downtown Planning charrette; of an amendment to the Special Event Alcohol Policy.

September 23 regular meeting

- Introduction of a supplemental appropriation for fiscal year 2014-15 30 percent NVTa money for the Old Town Traffic Study project.
- Public hearings: on a request by Busy Bee Child Care for renewal of a special use permit to allow an in-home daycare located at 10917 Marilta Court; on a request by Pickett Shopping Center for a special exception to the sign ordinance.

### Planning Commission

Information: 703-385-7930

September 8 regular meeting

- Discussion on the proposed Oak Knolls redevelopment project located at 3979 Oak Street.

September 22 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.

### School Board

Information: 703-385-7910

September 8 regular meeting

- Recognition of the VSBA Media Honor Roll.
- Presentations: student representative report; on tuition bill and FCPS fiscal forecast; summer school report; on school opening update; on updated School Board communications plan; on update of capital and administrative accounts.
- Approval of carry-forward of fiscal year 2014-15 funds.

September 15 work session

- Presentations: on a review work session/regular school board meeting schedule; Fairfax High School Softball Pressbox.





# City Council Reporter

**July 8, 2014**

## **Correction**

### Consent agenda

- Approved, 5-1, consideration of a task order to Woolpert, Inc. for the preliminary design of Fairfax Boulevard and Oak Street stormwater improvements. *(In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Greenfield, Meyer, Miller, Schmidt; opposed, Councilmember Loftus.)*

**July 22, 2014**

### Consent agenda

- Approved unanimously: Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to sign the fiscal year 2014-15 Department of Rail and Public Transportation Agreements; Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to sign a letter designating the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission as the city's agent in all matters pertaining to the financial grants administration of all project funding approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board

in the annual Six Year Improvement Program; Consideration of a request of the City of Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department to change the date for their Benevolent 5K Run; Consideration of the 2014-2016 City Council term resolutions adopting the goals, policies and rules of procedure.

- Approved unanimously, the special event application request by Fairfax 2015 World Police & Fire Games for a Cycling Criterium as outlined on the race route map. *(Councilmember Schmidt was absent.)*

### Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, the request for a special use permit for a major home occupation (psychology practice) at 10933 Park Road, subject to conditions. *(Councilmember Schmidt was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, to adopt a resolution to approve the request for a special exception to allow a tenant sign on a non-frontage façade of a shopping center building at 11180-82 Lee Highway, subject to conditions. *(Councilmember Schmidt was absent.)*

### Items not requiring a public hearing

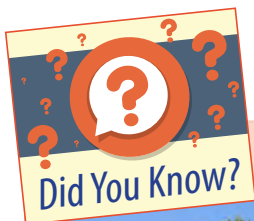
- Approved, unanimously, the application

for a variance to permit a subdivision of land without providing the required pavement widening for the Old Lee Highway portion at 3675 Old Lee Highway with findings. *(Councilmember Greenfield recused himself from the dais. Councilmember Schmidt was absent.)*

- Approved, unanimously to authorize the city manager to award a contract for an estimated amount of \$1,783,837.20 to Superior Paving Corporation for milling and paving of city streets for fiscal year 2014-15. *(Councilmember Schmidt and Greenfield were absent from the vote.)*

### Appointments to boards and commissions

- Unanimously, reappointed Mary Cocker to the Human Services Committee, Kerry Vornadore to the Board of Building Code Appeals, Negar Ehsani to the Commission for Women, Susan Jacobson to the Human Services Committee, Michael Cameron to the Community Appearance Committee, Sang Yi to the Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board, David Davenport to the Fairfax Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation. *(Councilmember Schmidt was absent.)*



## **The Scoop: Tree Trimming Around Utility Wires**



City residents and business owners may voice dismay at the sight of trees “trimmed” in the city — but it is within their power to prevent the need for it.

Utility companies are obligated to provide electrical service in the safest and most dependable manner possible — and must insure tree growth does not encroach on highly dangerous power lines.

Property owners, sometimes even the city government, may plant young, small trees too near a utility easement. The tree, over time, grows tall — and threatens nearby high voltage lines *(such as those pictured, left)*. When that happens, utility companies that document encroachment clear an area about 10 feet from the lines.

This is not — and cannot be — aes-

thetic trimming. Instead, it is to help save lives or reduce outages during bad weather. Utility companies must observe proper tree trimming techniques, but the first goal is safety for the people they serve — and to keep their customers far enough away from utility lines.

Be mindful of where trees are planted from the onset: find out if that sapling will grow into a towering, majestic tree too close to utility lines and easements. Think ahead, whether it's five years or 50.

Before planting a tree (or any plant), call Miss Utility at 811 (or 800-552-7001) at least three working days before digging.

Property owners should never trim vegetation around power lines themselves. Information: [www.dom.com](http://www.dom.com), keyword: trees.

# Community Calendar

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
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| Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1056  | <b>1</b><br>Labor Day:<br>• City government offices closed<br>• General District Court closed<br>• Refuse/recyclables are not collected<br>• CUE Bus runs on a Saturday schedule<br>• Fairfax Museum open | <b>2</b><br>Monday and Tuesday regular refuse/recycling routes collected<br>Classes begin at Fairfax County Public Schools<br> City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex | <b>3</b><br>Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex   | <b>4</b><br>City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex  | <b>5</b><br>Old Town Plaza Series concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza<br>Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)   | <b>6</b><br>Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street)<br>Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street<br>Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Center |
| <b>7</b><br>Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street)  | <b>8</b><br> Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex<br>School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex        | <b>9</b><br> City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex  | <b>10</b><br>Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center<br>Community Inclusion Task Force meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex<br>Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim  | <b>11</b><br>Fall for the Book held September 11-18. Information: <a href="http://www.fallforthebook.org">www.fallforthebook.org</a> , 703-993-3986<br> | <b>12</b><br>Old Town Plaza Series concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza<br>Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)  | <b>13</b><br>Farmers' Market<br>Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours<br>Guided Walking Tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House<br>Fairfax Irish Folk Festival — see page 8<br>Children's book sale — see page 2                         |
| <b>14</b><br>Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street)<br>Second Sunday Series: Woodward and Lothrop: A Store Worthy of the Nation's Capital, 2 pm, Old Town Hall  | <b>15</b><br>Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall<br>Human Services Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex<br>School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School   | <b>16</b><br>Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall  | <b>17</b><br>Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex  | <b>18</b><br>City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex  | <b>19</b><br>Absentee voting available now through November 1 — see page 3<br>Sherwood Cinema Series: How to Train Your Dragon 2 — see page 8<br>Old Town Plaza Series concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza<br>Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 | <b>20</b><br>Farmers' Market<br>Kid's Safety Saturday, 3730 Old Lee Highway — see page 2<br>War of 1812 in Fairfax Bicentennial event, 11 am to 4 pm, Historic Blenheim<br>Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm       |
| <b>21</b><br>Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street)<br>City of Fairfax Regional Library book sale September 19-21 — see page 2<br>Virginia Opera's Children's Performance: The Empress and the Nightingale, 2 pm, Sherwood Center | <b>22</b><br> Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex   | <b>23</b><br> City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex   | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b><br>Rock the Block! #TGIFairfax, 6 pm, Old Town Fairfax<br>Taste of the Vine, 6:30 pm, Historic Blenheim<br>Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)                                   | <b>27</b><br>Farmers' Market<br>Drug Take-Back Day, 3730 Old Lee Highway — see page 4<br>Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours<br>Guided Walking Tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House   |
| <b>28</b><br>Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street)   | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>  | <b>HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS</b><br>City Government Information ..... 703-585-7855<br>City News and Events ..... 703-273-1776<br>Arts and Cultural Events ..... 703-352-ARTS<br>City of Fairfax Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227<br>Civil War Interpretive Center ..... 703-591-0560<br>Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center ..... 703-385-8414<br>George Mason University Events ..... 703-993-1056<br>Calendar information is subject to last-minute change. |   |   |   |



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# City Happenings

## Irish Folk Festival Set for September 13

Explore all things Irish at the free Irish Folk Festival from noon to 8:30 p.m. September 13 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center and the Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road.

The event, co-sponsored by the Fairfax Commission on the Arts and the Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann-O'Neill-Malcom Branch, feature musicians, Irish set dancing, Ceili dancing, food and children's programs. Information: [www.ccepotomac.org](http://www.ccepotomac.org).

## New Season of Children's Performance Series Begins

The Children's Performance Series begins its new season at 10:30 a.m. September 15 in Old Town Hall. These free events are held at 10:30 a.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month, sponsored by the Fairfax Commission on the Arts. Information: [www.fairfaxarts.org](http://www.fairfaxarts.org).

## Sherwood Cinema Series Continues September 19; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *How to Train Your Dragon 2* for free at 7 p.m. September 19 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Participants may bring their own snacks. From 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept donations of non-perishable food items. Information: 703-385-7858.

## Music in the Streets of Old Town in September

*Summer Nights in the City* offers free concerts at 7 p.m. on Fridays through September 19 on Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road.

*Rock the Block! #TGIFairfax* will feature Leggz performing live at a block party from 6-9 p.m. September 26 on University Drive in Old Town Fairfax. Enjoy city restaurants and merchants, a beer garden, games and more. Please do not B.Y.O.B., but *do* bring seating.

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Information: 703-352-ARTS.

## Arts Grant Application Due October 6

Local arts organizations may apply for the city's Commission on the Arts annual grants, which may fund a myriad of artistic endeavors including education, creating art and new arts organizations in the city. Applications are due by 5 p.m. October 6. Information: [fairfaxarts@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:fairfaxarts@fairfaxva.gov), 703-352-ARTS.

## Library Lovers: Check Out Huddleson Memorial Library in Old Town Hall

Immerse yourself in history and mystery on the second floor of Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, via the Huddleson Memorial Library.

The Huddleson Library features thousands of tomes available for loan, featuring a notable collection of mysteries, Civil War history and Virginia history books.

The library, which also houses Fairfax Art League exhibits, is open from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

Information: 703-352-ARTS.